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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS

REF: A. STATE 66263, B. SYDNEY 418

1. UPON RECEIPT OF TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION FROM THE DEPT OF THE DEATH OF ROBERT DAVIES THE CONSULATE GENERAL CONTACTED ROBERT WILLIAMS, AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ADVISED HIM OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE LAW TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE PERSONAL ESTATE OF THE DECEASED. MR. WILLIAMS, INSISTING THAT HE WAS ACTING UNDER DIRECT INSTRUCTION FROM MRS. DAVIES WITH WHOM HE CLAIMED TO BE IN REGULAR PHONE CONTACT, SAID THAT IT WAS MRS. DAVIES' WSIH THAT HE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF THE PERSONAL ESTATE AND THAT HE INTENDED TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. MR. WILLIAMS ADDED THAT IN ANY CASE ARRANGEMENTS WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY SINCE MOST OF THE ESTATE WAS STILL IN SHIPPING CONTAINERS UNDER COMPANY WAY BILLS. BOTH MRS. DAVIES AND THE DEPARTMENT WERE APPRISED OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS IN REF B. NO COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM EITHER PARTY. WHILE 7 FAM 442.2-1 MAKES NO PROVISION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRM EMPLOYING THE DECEASED TO TAKE POSSESSION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS, IN THE ABSENCE OF POLICE POWERS AND IN THE FACE OF EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT THE ARRANGEMENT WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE NEXT-OF-KIN, THE CONSULAR OFFICER DID NOT INTERVENE, BUT ONLY PROTESTED.

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2. UPON RECEIPT OF REF A THE CONSULATE GENERAL TELEPHONED MR. WILLIAMS AND LEARNED THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN VALUABLES, FOR WHICH HE AND THE COMPANY WERE STILL TRYING TO WORK OUT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS, MR. DAVIES PERSONAL EFFECTS HAD BEEN RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES VIA AIR FREIGHT UNDER AIRWAY BILL NO. 08135880633 ON MARCH 16 ABOARD QANTAS FLIGHT 3. THE CONSULAR OFFICER ASKED THAT THE REMAINING ITEMS BE TURNED

OVER IMMEDIATELY. THIS TIME MR. WILLIAMS READILY AGREED.
THE CONSULAR OFFICER HAS NOW TAKEN POSSESSION OF THE REMAINING
PERSONAL ESTATE OF THE DECEASED, AND WILL PREPARE AN INVENTORY
THEREOF AND FORWARD A COPY TO MRS. DAVIES TOGETHER WITH AN
AFFIDAVIT OF NEXT-OF-KIN AND A REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS.
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